



# *The President's Hebdomadal **Blue-Ribbon** Newsletter*

## *Celebrating 111 years of Educational Excellence in Covington*

### *August 29 – September 5, 2022*



This week we observe the 17<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Hurricane Katrina – and the 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary of Hurricane Ida. While some would prefer to erase any mention of these dark times in our history, I think it important that we remember how far we have come in the ensuing years – and celebrate the tenacity and drive of those who helped make recovery possible – and to show compassion and offer help to those still in need. I've used the following before, but it's worth another read.

Following Katrina, our Computer Applications II Class, under the direction of long time SPS computer whiz Weese Petersen, published a book about what the boys learned from the storm – some funny, some insightful, some poignant: Here are the students' responses to the prompt: *I learned:*

- *that my brother gets aggravated after 10 hours of riding in a car.*
- *that relatives can get annoying and they bring friends when they stay with you.*
- *that relatives eat a lot when depressed.*
- *that family is more important than you.*
- *that an obnoxious uncle is not a big help.*
- *that having my family and friends is the only real thing that matters in my life.*
- *what I should be thankful for.*
- *that I take many thanks for granite [sic] like yesterday I was mad because I didn't get my way then I thought that many lost everything.*
- *that everything can be survived.*
- *that if you think you have it bad, someone somewhere has it worse.*
- *that chainsaws are dangerous*
- *that rakes are not my friend.*
- *that having 25 rambling Irish people in my house is not cool.*
- *that Gatlinburg does not have many girls.*
- *that plugging your XBOX into a generator doesn't go well.*
- *that my parents are incredible motivators and always get the job done.*
- *that my father likes martial law.*
- *that my uncle is mechanically incompetent.*
- *that living with grandparents is not always an enjoyable experience.*
- *not to drive to Slidell at 10 pm when there is a 7 pm curfew.*
- *that 35 people in one house can get on your nerves.*
- *that there are a lot of good-looking girls at Texas A & M.*
- *that you don't realize the value of what you have until you lose it.*
- *that the poor people are less fortunate than us in a situation like this.*
- *that my grandparents are not as bad as I thought they were.*
- *that my family turned out to be pretty cool.*



*Wolf Dome following Katrina*

May Our Lady of Prompt Succor hasten to keep us safe from the ravages of storms!



### Mon, Aug 29 (F G A B)

- **This Day in History:** In 2005, Hurricane Katrina devastates south LA and floods NO. We remain grateful to the incredible support from so many people who helped in the aftermath of the storm to welcome displaced students, care for our own students, and keep hope alive on our campus -- all while dealing with their own issues and challenges. Their work at that difficult time was in the finest tradition of heroic Lasallian education.
- **TDIH:** In 2012, Tropical Storm Isaac bashes south LA; SPS closes for four days!
- **TDIH:** In 2021, Hurricane Ida devastates SE LA, including Cov & SPS; we close 2 weeks.
- **More Herbs, Less Salt Day:**

### Tue, Aug 30 (C D E F)

- **TDIH:** In 1893, Huey Pierce Long (“The Kingfish”) was born in Winnfield, LA.
- **TDIH:** In 1967, US Senate confirmed Thurgood Marshall as first African-American Supreme Court justice.
- **Marshmallow Toasting Day:** OK, you were healthy yesterday with less salt, so you can splurge today and toast a marshmallow. Or make some ‘smares for the family!
- **Slinky Day:** The humble Slinky was invented in the 1940’s by Navy engineer Richard James. It proved an immediate hit, quickly became one of our favorite toys. **Slinky Day** should be spent doing slinky tricks, watching Slinkies race down staircases, or untangling the things as they inevitably knot, twist and spiral! Dig out your Slinky!
- **Frankenstein Day:** This day is in honor of author Mary Wollenstone Shelley who was born on August 30, 1797. She wrote the novel Frankenstein in 1818.
- **Sudden Impact for Soph Religion Period E**
- **Football:** 8<sup>th</sup> at Franklinton. Geaux Wolves!
- **Mothers’ Club Welcoming Social for All SPS Moms (6:30 in the BAC)**

### Wed, Aug 31 (G A B C)

- **TDIH:** In 1997, Diana, Princess of Wales, dies in a car crash in Paris.
- **Love Litigating Lawyers Day.** Give your favorite litigator a big ‘ol hug today – and hope you aren’t sued!
- **Trail Mix Day:** Trail mix is a high-energy snack comprised of dried fruits, nuts and energy snacks, designed to keep you alert and energized when walking, hiking, and partaking in similar endurance and intense activities. **Trail Mix Day** is all about creating good trail mix and testing it out. After yesterday’s marshmallows, eat healthy today!
- **Football:** 9th v. Jesuit, followed by JV v. Franklinton

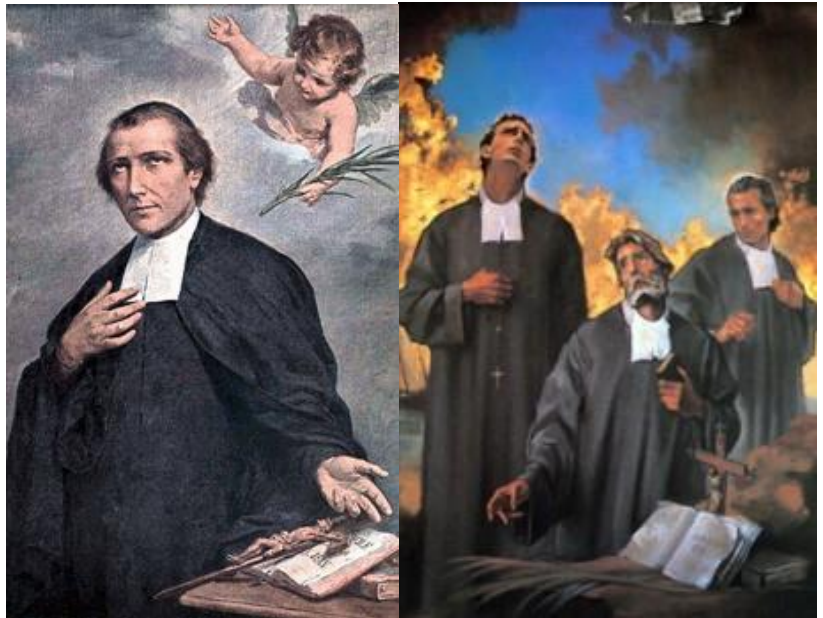


## Thu, S (D E F G)

- **TDIH:** In 1830, “Mary Had a Little Lamb” was first published. Can you recite it from memory?
- **TDIH:** In 1939, 1.5 million German soldiers invade Poland, thus beginning WW II
- **Cherry Popover Day:** Enjoy!
- **BioMed Classes’ Field Trip to St. Tammany Parish Coroner’s Office**
- **Lacrosse parent and player meeting on Thu, Sep 1 at 6 pm in new gym. All parents and players (New and returning) are asked to attend if interested in playing lacrosse**

## Fri, Sep 2 NOLasallian Convocation for faculty. No classes for students.

- Today at De La Salle High School in NO, the faculties of the four Lasallian schools in the Archdiocese of New Orleans will gather to celebrate our common heritage. There will be opportunities for professional development, Lasallian formation, and some socializing with our colleagues. We hold this event over other year on the Friday before Labor Day. I hope the students enjoy their four-day weekend!
- **TDIH:** In 1790, Brother Solomon, FSC, is martyred by French authorities bent on Church suppression. The Christian Brothers Website says that once Louis XVI & Marie Antoinette were overthrown, the next target was the Church. In 1790, the state took over the French Church. To function, priests & religious had to swear support. Most Christian Brothers refused and had to abandon schools and disband. Eventually, the Institute was deprived of legal status – ironic since the Institute began in France. Brothers Solomon, Roger, Leon & Uldaric were imprisoned for refusing to take the oath. Solomon was executed on Sep 2. Roger, Leon & Uldaric later died while confined in prison ships. Because of such heroism, Brother Solomon was made a saint recently and the others are beatified – one step away from official sainthood. May their heroic lives give us strength in times of difficulty! May their devotion to Christian education inspire all of us!
- **TDIH:** In 1945, The Empire of Japan officially signs the Instrument of Surrender at 9:04 am aboard the USS Missouri, anchored in Tokyo Bay. Although Emperor Hirohito had announced on Aug 15 Japan’s intention to unconditionally surrender following atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the official surrender ceremony did not occur until over two weeks later, and thus President Truman marked 2nd Sep as the official **V-J Day**. It is estimated that anywhere from 60 to 80 million people died during World War II, on all sides of the conflict. **V-J Day** should thus be seen as not only the celebration of the defeat of the tyrannical Japanese government of the time, but also the remembrance of those who lost their lives.
- **Blueberry Popsicle Day:** Enjoy! Popsicles were invented in 1905 by 11-year-old Frank Epperson. He accidentally left a stirring stick in a fruit-flavored drink on his porch one winter night. In the morning, it was frozen into an icy treat. He first named this delight the “Epsicle.” This name was changed 18 years later.
- **Bacon Day (Sat before Labor Day):** Go ahead and spurge with the favorite!
- **Football:** Varsity v. West Jefferson (7); Senior Night; Geaux Wolves!



### Sat, Sep 3

- **TDIH:** In 1783, the American Revolution officially ends when representatives of the United States, Great Britain, Spain & France sign The Treaty of Paris, signifying America's status as a free nation.
- **TDIH II:** In 1752, British citizens “lost” 11 days when the United Kingdom “left” the Julian calendar and adopted the Gregorian calendar, already in effect in the rest of the world (you know those independent British!) As a result, Sep 3 instantly became Sep 14 simply by an Act of Parliament. The people were outraged and demanded their 11 days back. Moral: make the most of each day God gives us; while it’s a shame to lose a day, it’s even worse to waste it.

### Sun, Sep 4

- **TDIH:** In 1774, the 1<sup>st</sup> Continental Congress convenes in Philadelphia.
- **TDIH:** The city of [Los Angeles](#) was founded on this date in 1781. Its original name was either “the Town of the Queen of the Angels” or “the Town of Our Lady of the Angels” depending on which source is consulted. All can agree that the town was named after “los ángeles” — the angels — and that’s the name that stuck. The city followed the usual Spanish model: a central plaza, a town house, a guardhouse, and a granary. The corners of the pueblo were laid out at the four cardinal directions, so that strong winds would not blow up and down the town’s streets. A call went out to Mexico for settlers. Eleven families took him up on the offer, and the original Spanish population of LA was just 44 people.
- **TDIH: In 1882, Thomas Edison** flipped a switch to turn on the first commercial electric power plant.
- **TDIH: In 1951,** President Harry S. Truman's broadcasts his opening speech before a conference in San Francisco, marking the first time a television program was broadcast from coast to coast.
- **Lazy Moms Day:** OK, moms, here’s your day to relax and take it easy. Let them fix their own meals; wash their own clothes; find their own rides, etc. In short, “let them eat cake” today! They will appreciate you tomorrow!
- **Be Late for Something Day:** Be late all you want today – except for church!
- **Cheese Pizza Day:** Enjoy – if your arteries permit!
- **Newspaper Carrier Day** honors Barney Flaherty, the first newspaper carrier or paperboy hired in 1833, as well as all current newspaper carriers – whose jobs were downsized when the TP went digital two years ago.

### Mon, Sep 5 -- Happy Labor Day Holiday! Enjoy the day off!

- **TDIH:** In 1901, President William McKinley is shot while shaking hands at an exhibition in Buffalo by 28-year-old anarchist Leon Czolgosz. President McKinley dies of his wounds on Sep 14, thrusting Theodore Roosevelt into the presidency, making him the youngest president ever. Trivia Question: While TR was the youngest person to assume the presidency, who was youngest man ELECTED president? Answer at end.
- **Read a Book Day:** This should be EVERY day!
- **Fight Procrastination Day:** If you don’t have time today for this, put it off until tomorrow.



Rise Up, O Men of God

I draw the following to your attention, in alphabetical order, not necessarily in order of importance.

**ACADEMIC SUCCESS:** Help your son develop proper attitudes and habits for success. Show confidence in his ability; work with him to set realistic academic goals. Help him develop an orderly study environment. Teens enjoy chaos, so the trick is to help your son create enough order in his chaos for proper study to occur. Designate a place and time to study. **Require 1-2 hours of study per night. Do not accept the "I have no homework" excuse.** He always has homework -- review, study, and advanced preparation. At the end of his study session, have him organize books, assignments, PE clothes, etc. for the next day.

**ADMISSIONS FOR 2023-24:** Yes, it is time to think about NEXT year! We will soon begin our Shadow Day program for current 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> graders considering SPS for NEXT year. We count on you to spread the good news about SPS to your friends and neighbors. Here is the Shadow Day Sign Up info (BTW, the first Shadow Day is Tuesday!)

- The link to create an account and sign up for a shadow day is <https://forms.rediker.com/stpauls>
  - This is also the link for Open House and submitting an application.
- Spread the word, especially to public school families who don't know we start early.



The graphic features a yellow background with a blue border. At the top left is the school's crest, a shield with a cross and a star, topped with a helmet and crest, with the text 'SAINT PAUL'S' and '1911' below it. To the right of the crest is the text 'SAINT PAUL'S SCHOOL' in large blue letters, with 'WWW.STPAULS.COM' below it. Further right are two circular seals from the U.S. Department of Education, National Blue Ribbon Schools, dated 2021 and 2015. On the right side, a circular inset photo shows two students in white shirts and ties, one with a backpack, looking at something together. The text 'A good place to grow up!' is written in a cursive font above the photo. In the center, three male students are smiling; the one on the left wears a blue hoodie with 'ST. PAUL'S SOCCER' and a wolf logo, the middle one wears a blue polo shirt with the school crest, and the one on the right wears a blue polo shirt with the school crest. In the bottom left corner, the contact information '(985) 892-3200 x1903' and 'admissions@stpauls.com' is listed.

**SHADOW DAYS**

- Aug 23
- Sept 13 and 27
- Oct 11 and 25
- Nov 9 and 15

**OPEN HOUSE**

- Sat, Oct 29
- 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

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**ASSEMBLY ON AUG 23:** I hope the students enjoyed our Aug 23 assembly. Here's some of what we did:

- Entered the gym listening to “**Academic Festival Overture**” by **Johannes Brahms, a German composer who lived from 1833-1897**. This piece was composed in 1880. Brahms never graduated college. In 1879, after Brahms had achieved much fame in the music world, the University of Breslau conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. Brahms was flattered and sent a postcard of thanks to the faculty. However, he needed to do more. While vacationing at Bad Ischl during the summer of 1880, Brahms penned his musical “thank you” – the Academic Festival Overture – to the university. As we begin our academic year (actually, the first month is almost over!), the Academic Festival Overture seemed appropriate – we have serious work ahead, but we’ll have periods of fun, too. Just as Brahms used his talent to say “thanks”, I encouraged the students to use their talents to thank those who have been good to them.
- As junior **Joey Mire** lit the prayer candle, I reminded the boys that the candle represented God’s presence in the gym that morning.
- Welcomed a number of young men from various local elementary schools who were spending the morning with us as they explored their choice for school next year.
- Thanked the student body for their positive response to Safe School Assembly, Get Involved Day, and Senior Week.



*Brody & Will finally got to present State Runner-up trophy to AD Sam Francis at last week's assembly!*

- Introduced Athletic Director Sam Francis to recognize athletic accomplishments from last May which we didn't have time to recognized before the school year ended:
  - SPS Golf Team, which won the regional championship and finished third in state. Special recognition went to Josh Achord for finishing 1<sup>st</sup> in state in Division I!
  - SPS Tennis Team, which finished second in state. The state runner-up trophy was presented to Coach Francis by members of the team.
  - SPS Ultimate Frisbee, which finished the season with their best showing of the year.
  - Current 9<sup>th</sup> grader Kaden Romig who single handedly guided SPS to a 4<sup>th</sup> place in state finish at the state gymnastics tournament. Well done, Kaden!

• Introduced SPS teacher Kevin Moore, who moderates Key Club and Special Olympics as he recognized and congratulated the more than 35 SPS Wolves who gave up their first day of summer vacation in May to work Special Olympics at SLU in Hammond. Coach Moore gave a stirring speech about the value to service, especially to those in need.

- Recognized and congratulated the Habitat for Humanity Wolves who had their first work day in August, even before Get Involved Day. We hope many more Wolves will become part of this great organization. Next week day is September 17.
- As I was running out of time, a whole bunch of items will be pushed to the next assembly.
- Reminded the student body that we were approaching the 17<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Hurricanes Katrina and Ida. I showed slides of SPS's campus following Katrina, which showed the damage we suffered. Due to the incredible efforts of many, we were up and running in three weeks, one of the first schools in St. Tammany to re-open.
- I then had the entire student body join in a rousing rendition of Rise Up O Men of God.
- As junior **Cooper Winchester** extinguished the prayer candle, I reminded everyone that while the light of the candle is extinguished, what the candle represents can never be extinguished: the love of God, the grace of peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. I then reminded the students that we must leave the gym and be the love, grace, peace and fellowship of God to everyone we meet. We then exited to stirring strains of "The Academic Symphony" by Brahms – well exiting at that point was the plan, but a monsoon was occurring outside the gym so we all chillaxed a few minutes until the rain subsided.
- It was a great assembly! At least I thought so!

**ATTENDANCE:** Please comply with our attendance regulations as printed in the handbook which is posted on Edline. This is especially true when a student is absent or needs to check out during the day.

**BOOK STORE:** The Mothers' Club Bookstore will be open 7:30 am to 8:15 am & 11:00 am to 12:30 pm each school day. **PLEASE patronize the MC's Bookstore when possible.** Proceeds not only help fund wonderful activities throughout the year, but the proceeds also help with campus needs.



**BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION:** Box Tops for Education continues to be an easy way to earn money for Saint Paul's. The traditional clip box tops have been replaced with an easy-to-use app. All you have to do is buy Box Tops participating products (like Cheerios!) and scan your grocery receipt. Box Tops are worth \$.10 each and twice a year, our school receives a check.

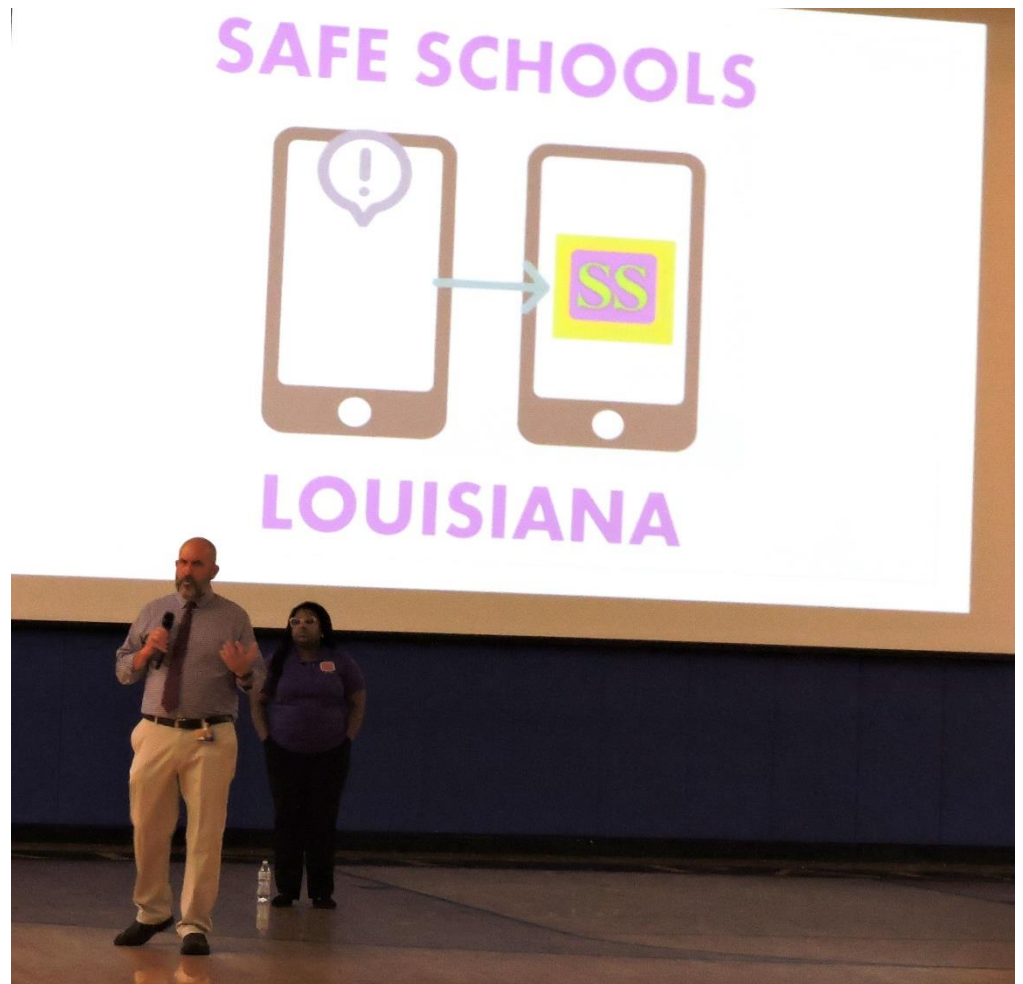
Download Box Tops for Education app here:

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Use this referral code R26O6QQ0 when you sign up and you'll get 20 Bonus Box Tops when you scan your first receipt now through 05/31/2023, while supplies last! If you have any questions email Shannon d'Hemecourt at [s.dhemecourt@stpauls.com](mailto:s.dhemecourt@stpauls.com)

*Safety is paramount at Saint Paul's School, and as such, Ms. Tkiani Pullins of the Louisiana Safe Schools program spoke to the student body about the importance of "breaking the silence" by using the Safe Schools Louisiana Anonymous Reporting App. The app is a free resource designed with the goal of keeping students, or someone they know, safe from threats, harmful behaviors, or dangerous situations by providing them the ability to communicate their concerns anonymously.*

*Joe Dickens introduces speaker from Crime Stoppers who focused on the LA Safe Schools App – which your son should have downloaded to his phone. Speak to him about the Assembly and how to use the app.*



## CALENDAR FOR 2022-23:

Mon, Aug 15	New Parent Reception and Information Meeting (6:30)
Thu, Aug 18	Senior March through the Arch, Breakfast, Unity Day, Ring Day
Fri, Aug 19	Senior Ring Holiday
Mon, Aug 22	Parent – Teacher Mini Schedule Night (6:30)
Fri, Sep 2	Lasallian Convocation for Faculty (no classes for students)
Mon, Sep 5	Labor Day Holiday
Fri, Oct 7	End of First Quarter; 11:00 am dismissal
Fri., Oct 7	Grandparents Day (11:30 – 1:00)
Mon, Oct 24	Parent-Teacher Conferences 5-7
Sat, Oct 29	Prospective Student Open House (1 – 3 pm)
Mon-Fri, Nov 21 - 25	Thanksgiving Holidays
Mon, Nov 28	Classes resume from Thanksgiving Holiday
Tues - Fri, Dec 13-16	Semester Exams
Fri, Dec 16	Christmas Holidays begin at 11:45 following exams
Tues, Jan 03	Classes resume & Second Semester begins
Mon, Jan 16	Martin Luther King Holiday
Mon, Feb 06	Parent-Teacher Conferences 5-7
Fri, Feb 17	Faculty Retreat Day



Mon-Fri, Feb 20 - 24	Mardi Gras / Beginning of Lent Holidays
Mon, Feb 27	Classes resume
Fri, Mar 10	End of Third Quarter
Fri – Fri Apr 07 – 14	Easter Holidays (not spring break)
Mon, Apr 17	Classes resume from Easter Holidays
Wed-Fri, Apr 26 – 28	Senior Final Exams
Sat, May 13	Senior Graduation (4 pm)
Thurs – Tues, May 18-23	Final Exams
Wed, May 24	Conflict/Makeup Exam Day
Thurs, May 25	Conflict/Makeup Exam Day/Faculty Records Day

In case of emergency closings, make-up days will be taken from scheduled holidays. Do not schedule vacations during school. Thank you for recognizing the need to make the most use of our academic time.

Note that public schools schedule 175 instructional days while Catholic schools schedule 177.

In case of closings, we will make up days from holidays. **School begins with all students on Thu, Aug 4th for a full instructional day (8 – 3).** Also, check the calendar for vacation dates and do not schedule vacations in conflict with school. Thank you for recognizing the need to make the most use of our academic time.



*In front of chapel the morning after Katrina hits!*

**CAR LINES:** There is no absolute designated drop off spot. Be patient the first few days of school as traffic patterns form. Safety is paramount, so if you use Founder's Circle as a departure point, **cars must drop off students in Founders Circle in the LEFT lane only** – you may not block traffic in the right lane to discharge the occupants. Dropping off at La Salle Hall or by the BAC is OK. Traffic will be heavy heading into Covington this week as schools open. Please plan accordingly.

#### **CELL PHONES:**

- State Law: Motorists are prohibited from using any type of hand-held wireless communications device while traveling through school zones during posted hours. The law includes use of a cellular/wireless device for engaging in a voice call, accessing, reading, or posting to a social networking site, and/or writing, sending, or reading a text-based communication. The school zone cell phone ban does not apply if the device is being used to report an emergency, is being used in a hands-free manner, or while the vehicle is lawfully parked. Upon first violation of the school zone ban the fine is \$175, subsequent violations can be up to \$500, and if a crash occurs during the time of the violation, fines can be increased.
- SPS Law: students may use their phones during lunch but only outside. If you need to call or text your son, do so during lunch. Disciplinary action and fines will continue for violation of this policy. With our campus wide wi-fi, he can use his phone to surf the internet if needed. And, yes, our security firewalls are in effect

**DRESS CODE:** Students must comply with the dress code. “Nuff said. **Note: We have a number of clean, pre-owned SPS uniform shirts in good condition. If the family budget is tight, feel free to ask for some of these clothes. Nothing is done to embarrass a student and no one will know. Thanks to those families who supply us with their outgrown uniforms.**

**DRIVER'S LICENSE PROOF OF ATTENDANCE:** Your son needs proof of attendance in order to get a learner's permit **and another one** when he gets his permanent license. The forms are in the counseling department or the administration building. I feel terrible when a parent waits two hours at the DMV only to be turned away b/c the son doesn't have his proof of attendance. This is a legislative act; don't blame me!

**EMERGENCY CLOSINGS:** With the approach of the peak of hurricane season, allow me to comment on emergency or weather-related closings. Ordinarily, our procedure is to follow the civil parish. Thus, Saint Paul's School would follow the same decision of closure as the public-school system of St. Tammany Parish. The announcement concerning emergency closures would be broadcast on local television stations in the metropolitan area of NO when possible. School messaging will be activated with updated information and situations unique to SPS. For multi-day closings, Saint Paul's reserves the right to re-open when our situation warrants. In the meantime, we pray: **Our Lady of Prompt Succor! Hasten to help us!**

**ETIQUETTE TRAINING FOR 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE** This annual event, sponsored by SPS Development Team, begins next week. Pre-freshmen parents have received info on what day their son will experience a very nice formal lunch combined with etiquette training. It's always a treat to see our youngest Wolves learn how to eat soup, what fork to use for salads, and how to break bread. Let's hope lessons learned last beyond this week!

**EXTRACURRICULARS/GET INVOLVED DAY:** Clubs and teams have begun forming. Get Involved Day, was held on Aug 16. Representatives from all clubs, sports, organizations etc. had displays and sign up materials during the lunch period. Students spoke to representatives from these clubs, etc. and to decide if they



wish to join. Encourage your son to get involved. So far, we've had callouts for all sorts of activities. Research shows correlations between academic achievement and extracurricular involvement. So far, we've had call outs for football, drama, cross country, swimming, the Guerilla Wolves Video Club, the Marching Wolves, the Paper Wolf Newspaper, Nature Club, Fantasy Football Club – to name just a few.



*It's Friday Night Lights season at SPS!  
Photo courtesy of Brother Javier Hansen, FSC*

**FOOTBALL GAME CONDUCT FOR STUDENTS:** Allow me to review the rules:

- Saint Paul's students are admitted free but **MUST** enter through the South Gate (by the retired Brothers' Residence). Only **CURRENT** SPS students are allowed in free by showing **THIS YEAR's** ID card. Do **NOT** try to come in with a friend who may have gone to Saint Paul's in the past and expect that person to get in free.
- SSA students **DO NOT** get in free.



- We expect students (and adults) to remain fully clothed during the game. Fans with no shirts, even with body paint will not be allowed into the stadium. Students must not wear any offensive clothing, including clothes which advertise alcohol or have obscene words written on them.
- **Once students enter the game, they must stay through halftime. They may not leave and reenter for any reason -- to go back to their car, go visit someone on the other side of the stadium, etc. We expect all students to remain until the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter – and then, if they leave, they must leave the campus.**
- During the national anthem and the prayer, ALL are to be ABSOLUTELY QUIET. Students should stand respectfully and remove hats. If the girls try to talk to boys, tell the boys to ignore the girls until after the prayer and national anthem.
- When a student does leave, he MAY NOT REMAIN AND LOITER ON CAMPUS (e.g. under the Wolf Dome, around the pond.) He must leave campus if he leaves the game.
- Students should only cheer in positive ways. They are there to support the Wolves, not tear down the opponents. Obscene language is NEVER permitted.
- We cannot be responsible if your son tells you he is going to the game and ends up going somewhere else or leaves after the third quarter without telling you.
- Ultimately, football is a game meant to teach positive values. I pray that ALL of us can unite around one of the most successful programs in the state by showing class, respect, support, courtesy, and good sportsmanship.
- The LHSAA has threatened fines and suspensions for schools that do not promote good sportsmanship.

**FOOTBALL GAME CONDUCT FOR ADULTS:** With the opening of our football season, we expect the adult community to set a positive example for the students. Accordingly,

- Alcoholic beverages are not permitted in the stadium or on campus. Tobacco usage is not permitted in the stadium or on campus.
- During national anthem and prayer, ALL are to be quiet. Feel free to politely ask students to be quiet. If they don't comply, please get their names and send them to me.
- **Adults should never openly criticize coaches and especially players.**
- Use appropriate language and never shout obscenities at anyone, including referees.
- Ultimately, football is a game meant to teach positive values. I pray that ALL of us can unite around one of the most successful programs in the state by showing class, respect, support, courtesy, and good sportsmanship.

- Those who do not follow these rules may be subject to removal from the premise
- LHSAA has threatened fines and suspensions for schools that do not promote good sportsmanship.

**HELPING SPS:** Don't forget – If you shop at Office Depot, please give the SPS school code (70041640) and SPS receives 5% of your purchase! We also collect Box Tops for Education (have your son bring them to his math teacher) and we receive a portion of sales from Amazon Prime. These are painless ways to help SPS.

**ID CARDS:** Students must wear their ID cards on a lanyard every day. No one has to pay for an ID card unless you want an extra one. We will give one to your son on picture day. You will have to pay for a replacement if he loses the one we give him or if for some reason you want an extra one.

**GRANDPARENT DAY:** Our annual Grandparent Day will take place on Friday, Oct 7, beginning at 11:30 and lasts about 90 minutes. If your son's grandparents are interested, please inform them of the date and time. More info in future newsletters. Thanks

**LAST WEEK:** It was a busy week!

- **Mini-Schedule Night:** Thanks to all of you who attended! And the rain cooperated! Special thanks for your compliments about our Student Ambassadors who were exceedingly polite, courteous, helpful, well-versed and represented themselves and SPS in an exemplary manner.
- **Shadow Day:** All went well, in spite of the rain. I am glad it was a small group as it gave us a chance to practice our plan – and the weather delay in the gym was tolerable!
- **Get Involved Day:** Lots of clubs are meeting! Encourage the boys who have yet to become involved.
- **Safety Drills:** I hope your son told you about our first round of safety drills last week. We practiced tornado, intruder, and fire drills. We pray they are never needed!
- **Pep Rally:** Student Council put on a great pep rally Friday. It was a great way to end the week.
- **Christian Brothers Jamboree:** The Wolves performed admirably but came up a bit short on the score.
- **Eighth Grade Football:** Congrats on a strong victory last week v. Ponchatoula! Geaux Wolves
- **Guerilla Wolves:** Our media production group was back in action last week and produced some fun and talented video.

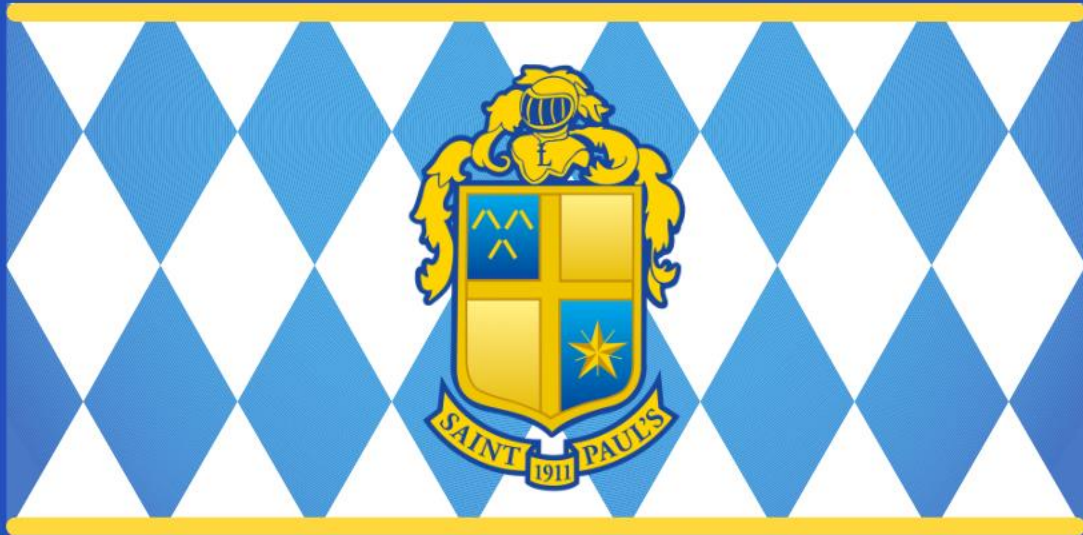
**MOTHERS CLUB SOCIAL:** All current SPS moms are invited to the annual MC Social, this Tuesday evening beginning at 6:30 in the BAC. Come find out all that the MC has to offer and enjoy great hospitality while you celebrate the great role that moms play at SPS.



*Brother Javier sits with three CORE Pack students while waiting for last week's assembly to begin!*



SAINT PAUL'S SCHOOL  
COVINGTON, LA



# OKTOBERFEST

EST. 2021  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 6:00PM



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**OKTOBERFEST: Holy Schnitzel! Oktoberfest is back!!** Dust off your dirndl dress, launder your lederhosen and join us for an EPIC day of stein slurping with your best mates! The German-inspired adult celebration will make its oom-pa return with contest traditions for best costume, stein-holding and the best chicken dance, along with dancing, live entertainment and an array of authentic, Bavarian food.

For more information, click here:

<https://saintpaulsschool.salsalabs.org/oktoberfest2022/index.html>

**PE UNIFORMS:** We now return to our pre-Covid policy: students in PE must wear PE uniforms, available at the bookstore.

**PHYSICALS:** No student may participate in our athletic program or our band program without the necessary paperwork having been completed, including an LHSAA official physical form. Need a free physical? Here:



**Children's Hospital**  
New Orleans  
LCMC Health

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## Free Physicals provided by LCMC Health

**Who:**

All St. Paul's Athletes and Band Members

**When:**

Thursday, September 15, 2022

**Time:**

3:00 pm

**Where:**

St. Paul's Gym

917 S. Jahncke Avenue, Covington, LA

located on the corner of Jefferson and 14th

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### What to bring to free physicals

1. Athletic Physical Packet (see link below)  
filled out completely including parent signatures
2. Birth Certificate (for new athletes only)
3. Copy of Insurance Card

[Click here for Athletic Packet](#)

**SAFE ENVIRONMENT:** all individuals planning to volunteer with St. Paul's must complete safe environment training as mandated by Archdiocese.

**SCHOOL SAFETY:** School safety remains paramount for all of us. Promote safety with your son. In our faculty meetings, we reviewed all safety procedures that we have in place – and they are many. Safety is our priority – and it is EVERYONE’S JOB. Report ANY rumor or threat to safety about which you hear. Encourage your sons to report, too. **All visitors to campus must sign in and receive a Visitor’s Pass. You may not just wander the campus. Thanks for understanding this procedure.** Our prayers rise to heaven for a safe school year and the elimination of violence of all kinds in our schools – and in all of society.

**STUDENT EMAIL:** Students MUST use their SPS-issued email when communicating with teachers.

**SILENT SUSTAINED READING:** On Thursday, we began daily SSR (Silent Sustained Reading) during the first 15 minutes of Block 2. During this time, everyone will read silently for 15 minutes. This is not a time for homework, tutoring, studying or doing assigned reading, but is designed to make reading a school-wide priority by reading for pleasure. We hope to develop a population of self-motivated readers. The program was created over 30 years ago at the University of Vermont and has resulted in increased vocabulary development, reading fluency and comprehension, writing quality, improved test scores, increased knowledge on many topics, and increased reading out of school. Students must bring their own reading material but we will have classrooms stocked with magazines, novels, short stories, etc. **Help your son prepare for this initiative and have him come prepared every day thereafter.** He should bring a PRINTED READING MATERIAL – not electronic material **Consider initiating a family SSR time, too!** I’ll keep you posted as to how things go.

**SOCIAL MEDIA:** Connect with the Wolves on Social Media to see the latest pictures and posts of all the wonderful events at St. Paul's School. The Facebook and Twitter feeds are on our newly re-vamped website, or you can follow us at

Facebook @St.Pauls.School.Covington.Louisiana

Twitter @SPSWolfpack

**SOCIAL MEDIA II:** Parents, please speak with your sons about responsible social media use. Inappropriate postings can have legal ramifications. In addition, SPS reserves the right to impose consequences on our students who misuse social media.

**STUDENT COUNCIL:** Saint Paul’s School will host Homecoming dances for SPS students and their guests. All young ladies will need to be accompanied by a SPS student.

- The 8th and 9th grade dance will take place Saturday, September 24, from 7-9 PM.
- The 10th, 11th, and 12th grade dance will take place Saturday, October 1, from 8-10 PM.
- Both dances will take place at the Briggs Assembly Center on the Saint Paul’s campus.
- **Dress code:** Young ladies may wear formal or semi-formal dresses with a modest and appropriate fit. Ladies may wear above the knee dresses which are no shorter than fingertip length. Please consider a fit that is comfortable for sitting as well as dancing. There should be no immodest cutouts, openings, or low cut, revealing necklines. Spaghetti straps, one-shoulder and strapless dresses are allowed. No pierced body parts are to be visible except the ear lobes.
- Shoes should be worn at all times—consider changing into comfortable shoes for dancing.



- Saint Paul's students must wear a tie, long pants, and dress shirt. Coats are not required but are allowed. Shirts are to remain tucked in and ties must remain on throughout the dance.
- Tickets will be available for purchase online through the St. Paul's student's email account.

**SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE: 988:** On July 16, 2022, Louisiana joined the rest of the nation in launching 988, the new three-digit dialing code for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline to make it easier for people to receive assistance during a mental health crisis. When you call (multiple languages), text (English only) or chat 988, you will be connected to trained, compassionate crisis counselors who will listen to your concerns, provide support, and connect you with local resources. The chat feature is available through the Lifeline's [website \(www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/chat/\)](http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/chat/). People can use 988 if they are having thoughts of suicide, mental health or substance use crises, or any other kind of emotional distress. People can also dial 988 if they are worried about a loved one who may need crisis support.



**WDSU News** ✓

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STARTING TODAY: It now only takes three digits to reach the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. People who need to talk to trained professionals can dial or text 988.

[bit.ly/3odaQUI](http://bit.ly/3odaQUI)



# 988

The mental health  
version of 911 is set to  
launch nationwide July 16.

**TUTORING:** The National Honor Society has begun free tutoring at lunch. Signage is all over campus as to location. Encourage your son to take advantage of this service as soon as he needs it.



# National Honor Society tutoring begins on Tuesday, Aug 16

Algebra I and II - Geometry  
Science - Math XL - Test Prep  
Homework Help



TUTORING

Mon - Tue - Wed - Thurs

Lunch Period

LaSalle Hall L202





**WEEKLY HUMOR:** In honor of Pizza Day on Sun, some pizza jokes:

1. *I'm going to open a restaurant that only serves crabs and pizza. I'll call it the Crust Station.*
2. *What are you if can't decide what kind of pizza to get? You're indeSLICEsive.*
3. *What do you call a fake pizza? A pepperphony pizza.*
4. *What's the difference between a good pizza joke and a bad one? The delivery.*
5. *How do you fix a broken pizza? With tomato paste.*
6. *I am ambivalent about pizza. On the upside, it has some great toppings. On the downside, it doesn't.*
7. *Why does the mushroom always get invited to pizza parties? Because he's such a fungi!*
8. *Why was the pizzeria desperate for business? Because they kneaded the dough.*
9. *I like how my local pizza place cuts my pizza into 6 slices instead of 8. I can't finish 8 slices.*
10. *What did the kid say after eating a frozen pizza? Well, that wasn't very thawed out.*
11. *I burnt my Hawaiian pizza the other day. I should have cooked it on aloha temperature.*
12. *What did the Dalai Lama say when he walked into a pizza parlor? "Make me one with everything."*
13. *What did the pizza say when it went out on a date? "I never sausage a beautiful face."*
14. *I fell asleep with a pizza in the oven today and burned 2000 calories.*
15. *Did you hear about the pizza place on the moon? Great pizza, but no atmosphere!*
16. *What does an anteater like on its pizza? Ant-chovies.*
17. *OK, I'll stop!*

**YEARBOOKS:** the 2021-2022 yearbooks will be distributed on Tuesday, September 6th during pack time to those who ordered one. 2022-23 yearbooks are now on sale. To purchase a 2022-23 yearbook, go to [yearbookforever.com](http://yearbookforever.com) and currently they are as cheap as they will be. They go up in price later on.



*Sophomore religion students discover all the memorials/ monuments on campus last week!*



# Holy Guardian Angels



Holy Guardian Angels,  
guide and guard us.





*God Bless the Saint Paul's Class of 2023 – our 112<sup>th</sup> senior class!*

## A Look Ahead

### August

29 – FGAB – Safety Week Drills

30 – CDEF – Sudden Impact/**Falk. E Block\***

31 – GABC

### September

1 – DEFG

2 – Lasallian Convocation for Faculty (no classes for students)

5 – Labor Day Holiday

6 – ABCD – Pack Time

7 – EFGA – Etiquette training for G & A (8th)

8 – BCDE – **Mass (dress uniform day)**/Etiquette training for D & E (8th)

9 – FGAB

12 – CDEF

13 – GABC – President's Assembly/ Shadow Day

- 14 – DEFG – Teacher Appreciation Lunch/SPS Birthday Parade/ Snack Day\*
- 15 – ABCD – late start\*
- 16 – EFGA
- 19 – BCDE
- 20 – FGAB
- 21 – CDEF – Morning prayer service/ International Lasallian Days for Peace
- 22 – GABC – Etiquette training for B & C (8th)
- 23 – DEFG
- 24 – Jr High Homecoming Dance
- 26 – ABCD – Homecoming Week begins
- 27 – EFGA – President’s Assembly/Shadow Day
- 28 – BCDE
- 29 – FGAB
- 30 – CDE\* Field Day followed by pep rally w/ SSA

**October**

- 1 – Senior High Homecoming Dance
- 3 – FGAB – Morning Prayer Service/Guardian Angels Theme – Sudden Impact/Falk. F Block
- 4 – CDEF – Pack Time
- 5 – GABC
- 6 – DEFG
- 7 – AB – End of 1st Quarter/Grandparents Day – 11 AM Dismissal
- 10 - CDEF
- 11 – GABC - President’s Assembly/ Shadow Day/Teacher Appreciation Lunch/ Snack Day
- 12 – DEFG - PSAT\*
- 13 – ABCD – late start\*
- 14 - EFGA
- 17 – BCDE – Parent/Teacher Conferences 5-7 in BAC
- 18 – FGAB – Senior in-school ACT
- 19 – CDEF – Pack Time
- 20 – GABC
- 21 – DEFG
- 24 – ABCD – Sudden Impact/Ramon A Block
- 25 – EFGA – President’s Assembly/Shadow Day
- 26 – BCDE
- 27 - FGAB
- 28 – CDEF – Pep Rally
- 29 – Open House for Prospective Students
- 31 – GABC

**November**

- 1 – DEFG – Mass w/ SSA (outdoor/dress uniform day)
- 2 – ABCD – Pack Time/ 8th Grade HR Breakfast
- 3 – EFGA – 9th Grade HR Breakfast
- 4 – BCDE – 10<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast



- 7 – Archdiocesan Formation Day for Faculty (no classes)
- 8 – FGAB - Arch Day(no classes for seniors)\*
- 9 – CDEF - President’s Assembly/Shadow Day (Wed.)
- 10 – GABC -11<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast
- 11 – DEFG - 12<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast/Core Walk-a-Thon?
- 14 - ABCD
- 15 – EFGA - Pack Time or President’s Assembly/Possible Shadow Day for Public Schools
- 16 – BCDE– Sudden Impact/Ramon B Block
- 17 – FGAB -- late start\*
- 18 – CDEF
- 21-25 – Thanksgiving Holidays
- 28 - GABC
- 29 – DEFG - Pack Time – Luminarias\_
- 30 – ABCD – Sudden Impact/Ramon C Block\*

**December**

- 1 – EFGA – Luminaries Tonight\*/Snack day
- 2 – BCDE
- 5 – FGAB
- 6 – CDEF – President’s Assembly
- 7 – GABC
- 8 – DEF – \* late start for remediation & make-up work/mass (dress uniform day)
- 9 – GABC
- 12 – DEFG
- 13-16 – First Semester Exams
- 16 Faculty Luncheon

**January**

- 3 – ABCD – Classes Resume
- 4 – EFGA – President’s Assembly (Wed.)
- 5 – BCDE
- 6 – FGAB
- 9 – CDEF
- 10 – GABC – Pack Time – Sudden Impact/Falk. G Block
- 11 – DEFG
- 12 – ABCD – late start\*
- 13 – EFGA
- 16 – MLK Holiday
- 17 – BCDE – President’s Assembly
- 18 – FGAB – 8<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast
- 19 – CDEF – 9<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast
- 20 – GABC – 10<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast
- 23 – DEFG
- 24 – ABCD – Pack Time
- 25 – EFGA – Mass – Feast of St. Paul (dress uniform day)/Snack Day

- 26 – BCDE – 11<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast – Sudden Impact/Falk. B Block
- 27 – FGAB - 12<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast
- 30 – CDEF
- 31 – GABC – President’s Assembly

**February**

- 1 – DEFG
- 2 – ABCD
- 3 – EFGA
- 6 – BCDE – Parent/Teacher Conferences 5-7 in BAC
- 7 – FGAB – Pack Time
- 8 – CDEF – Pre-ACT 10
- 9 – GABC – Pre-ACT 9
- 10 – DEFG – Pre-ACT 8
- 13 – ABCD
- 14 – EFGA – President’s Assembly (dress uniform day)/Snack day
- 15 – BCDE – Junior Retreat
- 16 – FGAB – Junior Retreat
- 17 – Faculty retreat (no classes)
- 27 – CDEF
- 28 – GABC – Pack Time

**March**

- 1 – DEFG
- 2 – ABCD
- 3 – EFGA
- 6 – BCDE
- 7 – FGAB – Junior in-school ACT
- 8 – CDEF – President’s Assembly
- 9 – GABC – Core Pack Breakfast/Late start
- 10 – DEFG – End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter
- 13 – ABCD
- 14 – EFG – SSA Challenge/1 PM Activities in Stadium\*
- 15 – ABCD
- 16 – EFGA – late start\*/5 Core Meal
- 17 – BCDE – Mass (dress uniform day)/Snack day
- 20-24 – Senior Retreats\*
- 20 – FGAB
- 21 – CDEF
- 22 – GABC
- 23 – DEFG – 8<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast
- 24 – ABCD – 9<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast
- 27 – EFGA
- 28 – BCDE – President’s Assembly
- 29 – FGAB – 10<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast

30 – CDEF – 11<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast

31- GABC – 12<sup>th</sup> HR Breakfast

## **April**

1 – Junior-Senior Prom

3 – DEFG

4 – ABCD – Pack Time\*

5 – EFGA – Passion Play for Juniors

6 – BCDE – Mandatum (dress uniform day)

7 - 14 – Easter Holidays

17-21 – Leadership Week

17 – FGAB

18 – CDEF – Leadership Breakfast/Teacher Appreciation Lunch/Snack Day

19 – GABC – Leadership Guest Speaker

20 – DEFG

21 – ABCD – Year in Review Assembly

24 – EFGA – Last Pack Time for Seniors; Class Level Elections

25 – BCDE – President’s Assembly (last for seniors)

26 – FGAB – Senior Exams

27 – CDEF – Senior Exams

28 – GABC – Senior Exams

## **May**

1 – DEFG – Mass (dress uniform day)

2 – ABCD – Pack Time (last one)

3 – EFGA

4 – BCDE – late start\*

5 – FGAB

8 – CDEF – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Exams

9 – GABC – Last President’s Assembly / 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Exams

10 – DEFG – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Exams/Senior Grad Night

11 – ABCD – Athletic Awards/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion

12 – EFGA – Academic Awards – dress uniform day

13 – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation

15 – BCDE

16 – FGAB

17 – CDEFG\*

18-23 – Final Exams

23 – Last Day of School – 11:30 Dismissal/ Faculty Luncheon

Whew! That’s enough for now! I’m sure I’ve forgotten something so email me if you still have a question.

As usual, I’ll close with a paraphrase of one of my favorite NPR radio shows (which I miss listening to while writing the newsletter since it no longer broadcasts but I still LOL thinking about it!): well, it’s happened again – you’ve squandered perfectly good time reading my ramblings!



Thanks for being part of Saint Paul's! May our year be one of grace and blessing! Know of my prayer for you and call on me if I can help!

Brother Ray Bulliard, FSC

We've Reached the End of August and I'm Still 17<sup>th</sup> Christian Brother President /CEO of Saint Paul's School

**“Preach by example, and practice before the eyes of the young what you wish them to accept.”**

~ St. John Baptist de La Salle (Meditation 99.2)

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*...by doing ordinary things extraordinarily well, doing God's will, remaining faithful, being guided to God, continuing the Mission, and living courageously, respecting all persons and living the Gospel, and praying to our guardian angels to protect us!*

